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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: AHG APPROVED TEXT OF
CHAIRMAN'S WEEKLY REPORT FOR PERIOD
JULY 1-7, 1974

1. BELOW IS TEXT OF AHG CHAIRMAN'S WEEKLY REPORT
FOR PERIOD JULY 1 TO JULY 7, 1974, AS PREPARED BY UK DEL
AND APPROVED BY THE AD HOC GROUP ON JULY 9, 1974.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 67 OF C-M(73)83(FINAL),
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WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP, AS THE REPORT OF THE

CHAIRMAN (UNITED KINGDOM) ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE AD HOC GROUP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 7 JULY 1974.

2. THE GROUP DISCUSSED AND APPROVED A PAPER ANALYSING THE QUESTION OF "DEFINITION OF GROUND FORCES", WHICH WAS SENT TO NAC ON 3 JULY UNDER A COVERING NOTE REQUESTING COUNCIL GUIDANCE ON THE QUESTION, IF POSSIBLE BY 16 SEPTEMBER, AND INDICATING THE LINE THE AD HOC GROUP INTEND TO TAKE WITH THE EAST BEFORE THE END OF THE END OF THE CURRENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.

3. IN REVIEWING THE RESULTS OF THE INFORMAL SESSION HELD ON 2 JULY THE GROUP CONCLUDED THAT NO NEW ELEMENT HAD EMERGED. THE ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES RESISTED SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO BROADEN THE AGREED TOPIC OF WHOSE FORCES SHOULD BE REDUCED FROM THE OUTSET, AND RECALLED THE VARIOUS ASSURANCES THEY HAD GIVEN THE EAST WITH REGARD TO THE TIMING AND CONTENT OF PHASE II NEGOTIATIONS, MAINTAINING THAT THIS CONSTITUTED A GENUINE MOVE TOWARDS MIDDLE GROUND. EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES, WHILE MAINTAINING THAT THEIR "FIRST STEP" PROPOSAL REPRESENTED MIDDLE GROUND, CONTINUED THEIR ATTEMPTS TO BROADEN THE DISCUSSION TO EMBRACE OTHER ASPECTS OF REDUCTIONS.

4. THE GROUP APPROVED THE TEXT OF A PRESENTATION ON "ASSOCIATED MEASURES" WHICH WAS DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR ADRIAENSSEN AT THE PLENARY SESSION ON THURSDAY 4 JULY. AT THE SAME MEETING, DICHEV (BULGARIA) MADE A STATEMENT IN WHICH HE REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS COVERING REGIONS OUTSIDE THE REDUCTION AREA.

5. GUIDANCE FROM NAC ON ASSURANCES TO BE GIVEN TO THE EASTERN PARTICIPANTS REGARDING THE SECOND PHASE (SECTION IV OF C-M(74)30(REVISED)), WAS RECEIVED ON 4 JULY. AFTER AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE BEST TACTICS TO IMPLEMENT THIS GUIDANCE, THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE "ALL PARTICIPANTS COMMITMENT" OFFER SHOULD BE MADE AT THE NEXT INFORMAL SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY. IT APPROVED THE TEXT OF THE TALKING POINTS FOR THIS MEETING.

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6. THE GROUP AGREED THAT THE REPORT TO NAC ON 26 JULY SHOULD BE MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF BELGIUM WHO WOULD ACT AS A SPOKESMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF LUXEMBOURG AND ITALY.

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